

Rex Bradford - The Church Committee and The Warren Commission HD

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our next speaker will be the redoubtable Rex Bradford and I'll let you tell him what he's going to speak about you should be aware that he is has along with the AARC put a million pages of records on a disk and it's available for researchers for a price and it is absolutely phenomenal it's a library an entire library a million pages can be instantly accessed and the indexing and cross-referencing is supportive superb it should let him tell you about it but he can tell you a little bit about it and then get into his talk and I'll let him describe what his talk is going to be about nope okay I'm not a very good marketer of salesmen he's referring to was referring to the JFK assassination archive which is a project that I've created happy to talk to anybody about afterwards you know I got involved with Jim many many years ago putting CD ROMs together of AARC documents and the AARC website and history monitors website that I put together and then that followed on to

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together and then that followed on to the Mary frail foundation that I'm president of and run here we have the largest online collection of these records and that this project is sort of a spin-off of that it's basically the JFK portion of the document collection of the Mary frail foundation which is largely although not entirely a RC source documents with some extra things thrown in the search engine and the cross-referencing other tools available and are better than what's even available online on the Mary Farrell Foundation signed although I intend to migrate those over time so I'm happy to talk more about that later my talk is sort of about the Church Committee and the Warren Commission and I I want to use that as a launching point for some more general comments I'll talk some a little bit about church committee records that are withheld sort of in the context of what we're talking about here I kind of prepared it for a little more general audience so if some stuff is really old had just start booing and I'll move through more quickly I want to start with a little bit of background although we'll go through quickly most people here probably know about the church committee somewhat they were an organization that came out of in the aftermath of Watergate which took on a large

scale review of abuses of intelligence agency operations see ioan FBI and others as well and this was you know when the aftermath of President Nixon's resignation and the skeletons were coming out of the closet was this clicker supposed to work okay so two aspects of the committee's work or a particular interest to this morning's discussion and the first of these is the assassination plots against foreign leaders including Fidel Castro and Patrice Lumumba and others there was as

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Patrice Lumumba and others there was as some people may know here a parallel investigation led by a vice president Nelson Rockefeller with former Warren Commission staffer day as is executive director and winter here I brought one actually anyway it turns out the Rockefeller Commission we now know from their release files were onto the assassination plots and do about them but chose not to take it on as a subject in their reporting but the church community made the plots of priority the subject of the first in its 14 published reports they examine the somewhat thin paper trail and took a great number of depositions of CIA officers and other people from the field and got into the genesis of the plots and organized them and the whole topic of what they themselves termed plausible deniability I don't know how many people have seen this amazing little memo the are rifle project memo written by William Harvey who ran the program in CIA and one part ironically reminds the reader never to mention the word assassination and there's another part which is fascinating and cautionary for us I'll quote from it cover planning should include provision for blaming souls or checks in case of blow should have phony to a one file and our Ida backstop to this all documents therein forged and back dated should look like a counter espionage file so on the first part of this the provision for blaming solves their checks in case of blow the false evidence tying Castro to the JFK assassination comes to mind and fawning up secret CIA internal records as a backstop should be a warning sign to all of us okay now as many of you know Allen Dulles was CIA director during the time and a prime mover in the Castro and

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and a prime mover in the Castro and Lumumba plots despite a thin veneer of plausible deniability and the fact that he was no longer alive in nineteen five to be questioned by the Church Committee and Dulles was of course also one of seven warrant commissions and there's no indication that he told any of the other commission members about the plots to kill castro assassination teams involving cuban exiles or CIA collaboration with organized crime figures whom Attorney General Robert Kennedy was actively waging a war against such knowledge of course would have seemed relevant to the Warren Commission's investigation and so for the Church Committee the lack of Commission knowledge of such an important area added to the growing concern that the Warren Commission investigation was limited and inadequate subsequently the HSC a asked Warren Commission chief counsel Julie Rankin about whether knowledge of this activity would have been relevant and ranked and replied we certainly would have followed every lead down I agree actually that the topic of these plots is highly relevant to an analysis of the Kennedy assassination although even if the Warren Commission could have broken through CIA stonewalling which in 1964 I think was pretty doubtful it's highly dubious they would really get there and open this window Pandora's Box the Oswald the loner conclusion was on greased tracks from day one the Commission's had Chief Justice Earl Warren and secret session once said that the allegation that Oswald was a paid FBI informant and I think we heard this acted out last night although not this particular phrase that came up in a later session it was a dirty rumor that quote must be wiped out insofar as possible to do so by this commission and I think rumors of CIA assassination plots might have gotten the same welcome so that brings us to the other aspect of the church committees work that I want to say a few things about and this was the an assessment not of the Warren Report per se but rather the more limited question of how well the Commission had been

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of how well the Commission had been served by the FBI and CIA upon whom they relied so heavily senators Richard Schweiker and Gary Hart led the subcommittee that took on this question and they were blunt in their findings that they had developed evidence which impedes the process by which the intelligence agencies arrived at their own conclusions and by which they provide information of the Commission and they declare that the investigation was deficient on national TV senators Riker was even more blunt and told the country he thought the Warren Report had collapsed like a house of cards and the committee's decision not to use its own investigators had quote played directly into the hands of senior intelligence officials who directed the cover-up so what led Schweiker and hard to reach a strong conclusions one reason was the amount of withholding that they uncovered the unrevealed assassination plots of course the FBI's destruction of the oswald note had come out recently the CIA's inadequate responses to the Warren Commission on the subject of Cuban exile groups and more but I think more revealing was the overall narrative the committee uncovered about the federal response to the assassination which was from the very beginning was so strongly focused simply on proving Oswald's guilt and as many of you know the most famous document in this chronology is the katzenback memo in which he says that the public must be satisfied that Oswald would be the assassin and you had no Confederates still at large and etc etc and this of course despite the rat that katzenback himself was smelling and in which he says right in the memo unfortunately that the facts on Oswald seemed about to path to obvious Marxist Cuban Russian wife etc for those who defend this memo by the way and there are some because it starts out with a pro forma opener it's important that all the facts surrounding the Kennedy assassination be made public it's worth remembering that this was delivered to the White House three days

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delivered to the White House three days after the events in Dallas katzenback began drafting it the day earlier within a few hours of Oswald's murder at the hands of Jack Ruby and so the most charitable view was that when it was written katzenback had no idea if Oswald was indeed the lone assassin and what with Ruby's action its inconceivably could have any confidence there were no Confederates so I think rather this document among many is Exhibit A and what senator Schweiker called senior intelligence she also directed the cover-up the committee wrote in the strike the heart report about unpursued Lee Leeds and these were largely concerning allegations mostly emanating from events in Mexico City that Fidel Castro was behind JFK's assassination and this is the bad penny that keeps coming back over and over again at every assassination investigation the Warren Commission had Gilberto Alvarado agharti who they codenamed heed who told the story chief oswald takes \$6,500 in the cuban embassy to kill Kennedy his grade B movie script included red haired Negro I want to kill the man Oswald you're not man enough literally the Commission had a second witness with a completely different variation on the same story of Oz while taking money from Cubans the Church Committee got new stories that had lain buried including the Cubana Airlines flight from Mexico City to Cuba on the night of 1122 delayed five hours for an unidentified passenger and the HSE a was subsequently flooded with many more certainly don't have time to try to detangle all these stories in this talk I want to mention one of them some of them have fallen apart completely here an HSE a report that committee noted that it quote developed considerable attention to the following memorandum the gist of which is that Cuban embassy offer officer Louisa Calder on may have been expressing foreknowledge of the JFK assassination went by saying that quote

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assassination went by saying that quote I knew almost before Kennedy in a phone call that afternoon and told the news from Dallas it's kind of thin evidence at best to devote considerable attention to and it's a pity then that the CIA didn't appear to share with the HFC a what I came across and released files which is the transcript of an earlier phone call from that same afternoon and then this one called her Ana's first told the news of JFK's assassination and she expressed a surprise and says it is a lie and asked who why wasn't this transcript shown to the committee so they wouldn't have had their time wasted chasing ghosts or was that the point some of the stories are less transparent I think ultimately it's all smoke and mirrors but I want to return to the extreme relevance of them at the end of the talk more to the point about this morning's I'm going

to talk a little bit about church committee records and what we've learned from the release of them in the 1990s or the release of some of them the short answer I think is we didn't learn a whole lot that they didn't already write up in the 14 reports which I think is a testament to the integrity of the committee but also the problem is the paucity of church committee records that did get released how the church committee is probably too small to read but they engaged in wide ranging investigations that's the titles of their 14 reports including domestic surveillance programs male opening the FBI's Contella program harassment of Martin Luther King covert action and Chile and much more and the records from all these investigations documents interview transcripts of cetera are all simply sealed to this day on the obviously relevant topics of the CIA assassination plots against Castro and the Subcommittee on the Warren Commission there were about 50,000 pages Declassified in the 1990s under the JFK Records Act about 10,000 pages of those are interview transcripts and the rest

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are interview transcripts and the rest are documents which range from copies of Warren Commission files to some much more interesting things like unpublished subcommittee reports about investigations and Oswald and Orleans Wendell Roche of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in a phone call told the church committee that quote I've been waiting 12 years to talk to somebody about this and went on to say that he saw Oswald around frequently and that Oswald had an office in and then was cut off by a staffer in favor of an in-person interview and that interview is not among the release files so how complete or incomplete are the Church Committee files that we do have on those particular topics the JFK assassination and the fascination plots and it's hard to know precisely of course but I think the clear evidence is not very complete I went through an exercise several years ago I went through the two reports the assassinations report and the Schweiker Hart report on the Warren Commission I had at the time the full set of Declassified transcripts of depositions which the AAR see thanks Jim had obtained from the National Archives we had first made a cd-rom of those available and they're actually now all available online and so I simply went through the reports and all the footnotes and listed out every deposition for which there was not an accompanying transcript and they release files referenced in the assassinations report but missing from the files are six interviews of three witnesses related to the Lumumba assassination nine related to a Castro plots two on the Trujillo assassination and 15 all of them I think on the murder of General Rene Schneider of Chile on this last sat perhaps Chile in 1970 was deemed out of scope but missing depositions on the Castro plots from CIA officers like John McCone Sheffield Edwards admit Desmond

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McCone Sheffield Edwards admit Desmond Fitzgerald assistants and others and even on the report on the Warren Commission there are a few which are missing including Ted Shackley the head of JM wave CIA deputy director of plans Thomas Karamja seems an unnamed intelligence officer and an FBI supervisor involved with the investigation and I think there's more if you remember the phone call memo referencing Wendell Roche of AI NS I showed a moment ago in another phone conversation Roche added that he was involved in surveillance of David Ferrie in his group and that quote Oswald was known to be one of the men in the group now there is a separate memo available which is composed of notes and the testimony the committee did take of Roche on December 9th of 1975 but that testimony itself the files and Roche was not the only person in New Orleans that the committee talked to for which the record has holes one I'd like to make a more general comment I guess and move into a different territory if I may I think that one of the things that's interesting about how rich the JFK Records collection is that it is rich I mean it's some five million pages and there's a ton of material that's been the source of so many books and so forth recently the richest of it actually illuminates what should be there but it's not sometimes records of course can be missing due to error or sloppiness negligence any number of innocuous reasons but sometimes I think what's missing conveys great meaning I think I've learned over the years that way you don't say is sometimes more important that way what you do say and in the case of investigation like the Warren Commission who they

didn't talk to can tell you a lot for instance arguably I would say the two most important witnesses for an investigation in JFK's murder right after it happened once Oswald was dead anyway would be Oswald's wife in case she knew what he was up to and Jack Ruby

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she knew what he was up to and Jack Ruby who killed him now Marina Oswald of course was the commission spirt first witness but what about Jack Ruby many you may know this already but in case you don't the fig-leaf excuse for it not immediately interviewing him that he was in the middle of a trial evaporate at a March 14th and it took nearly three more months before his sole interview on June 7th while the Warren Report was literally in draft form Warren and others flew to Dallas to talk to Ruby in jail Warren told Ruby quote I wish we've gotten here a little sooner but after your trial was over but I know you had other things on your mind and we had other work and it got this late date Ruby begged to be taken to Washington and said my life is in danger here and it's best reluctance to go on speaking and Warren responded and this has been in the transcripts since 1964 I think I might have some reluctance if I was in your position I think I would figure it out very carefully as to whether it would endanger me or not I want you to feel absolutely free to say that the interview was over now besides telling Ruby it was okay to keep his mouth shut what did they ask him and the answer is not a great deal in no small part because Bert Griffin and Leon Hubert the two ruby experts in the Commission staff weren't invited the Dallas to be present much less conduct the interview I would like to introduce another person whose lack of appearance in the record is perhaps the most glaring example where the black emptiness where this witness should be can tell us volumes this man's name is George Burkley he was the President Kennedy's White House physician Berkeley was in the motorcade in Dallas he was at Parkland Hospital in Dallas where Kennedy was taken after the shooting he signed the death certificate in Dallas there he rode home on Air Force One and on bended knee made arrangements for an autopsy with Jackie

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arrangements for an autopsy with Jackie Kennedy he wrote in the car with Jackie Kennedy from Andrews Air Force Base the Bethesda Naval Hospital and was present during the Bethesda autopsy by some accounts running it Berkeley wrote verified on a diagram of JFK's wounds created during the autopsy he subsequently took physical possession of JFK's brain and tissue slides he signed the White House death certificate itself suppressed from the 26 volumes the Warren Commission evidence although that's another story what made Berkley such an especially key witness was the fact that the Warren Commission was confronted with a stark contradiction in the medical evidence Dallas medical observers saw a large rear head were rearward head wound and interpreted the anterior neck wound as Trane's wound in other words evidence of a shot or shots from the front but the autopsy report declared that JFK was shot twice from the rear Berkeley the president's personal physician was the only medically trained person president both at Parkland Hospital and a developed as the autopsy thus he was uniquely qualified to address this conflict perhaps sparing Arlen Specter from instead trying to square the circle with torturous leading questions like this I won't read all that this is one of this is that whole thing you can see at the bottom is a single sentence that our inspector used at many different forums with each of the Dallas doctors and it basically says I know you're saying that it might have been an entrance wound but assuming the neck wound was really an exit wound would you say it was an exit wound this is a list of medical witnesses who testified before the Warren Commission and its staff including five nurses and many doctors you will not find Berkeley's name among them there is an warren commission exhibits in the back a nine page summary of events written by

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page summary of events written by berkeley on November 26 three days before the Commission was even announced beyond that there were certainly plenty of people reminding the commission of Berkeley's existence in their own testimony dr. Clark dr. Peters dr. Carrick oh and Jack price of Parkland Hospital all talked about Berkeley Secret Service agents Roy Kellerman and Clint Hill and others including Kenneth

O'Donnell and Lawrence O'Brien curiously Berkeley's name didn't come up in the testimony of the three autopsy doctors Humes Boswell and Fink now I have not seen every internal Warren Commission record but I've yet to see any with a single discussion of Berkeley in them whether to interview him or not nothing he has certainly never mentioned in any Warren Commission executive session he's just missing why since it's not credible that the Commission didn't think to interview him the answer has to be that off the record that was made not to in that light it's interesting that in 1967 Berkeley gave an oral history to the JFK Library now be classified which includes this question do you agree with the Warren report of the number of bullets that entered the president's body answered I would not care to be quoted on that and in 1976 during the early days of the HSC a Berkeley's lawyer contacted chief counsel Richard Sprague and told them that Berkley had information quote indicating that others besides Oswald must have participated Sprague was ousted about a week after fighting the number of this call and there was no follow-up the HSE a year later had a staffer give Berkeley a phone call but the HSE a medical panel didn't see fit to bother with an interview by then the HSE a committee had learned a lot more about Berkeley's involvement in the transfer and disappearance of JFK's brain and other autopsy materials which makes it all the more incredible that he remained essentially and a missing witness the last oh okay the last hole in the Berkeley record is the files of the lawyer who contacted the HSE a back

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the lawyer who contacted the HSE a back then on Berkeley's behalf with Berkeley deceased the assassination records Review Board in 1997 sought the family's permission to obtain the lawyers files to see if anything more might be in there and after initial verbal consent the family changed its mind so anyway it must be clear by now that I believe not only that the warrant okay so it's clear by now probably did I believe not only the Warren Commission got it wrong but that there was no accident now the word cover-up is overused and conjures up images of reading the evildoers and smoke-filled rooms but I think we've learned a lot more over the years about the much more mundane mechanisms of cover-up that exist the Church Committee for its part documented the way in which senior officials in the FBI j.edgar hoover and the CIA decided the case was closed within hours of Oswald's murder and how they then use their power to the Commission's view as far as the Commission itself the staff certainly worked within a framework of a preordained conclusion and I think a few of them smelled the coffee and were ambitious enough to go the extra mile some of the commissioners though were pretty out of the loop and later questioned their own findings but Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren masterfully chosen because a lot of people wouldn't have believed the findings of the Dulles Commission was not out of the loop Warren's participation was central to the Commission's success precisely because his court was a progressive force in American society admired by many for its integrity and so then the question arises why would Warren lie and I actually think we learned the answer to this over the years especially in the 1990s with the new records and the release of Lyndon Johnson's taped phone calls in 1964 it was scary enough that Oswald was a Marxist at a Russian wife

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Oswald was a Marxist at a Russian wife apparently supported Castro etc despite katzenback noting that it was all too obvious well what we now know about the false stories bubbling up from Mexico City related to Oswald's visits there there it's become clear that the alternative to Oswald the loner was not going to be Kennedy killed by CIA trained assassins and intelligent asset Oswald framed for the crime the alternative at Lyndon Johnson and Earl and Earl Warren and yes Robert Kennedy faced was Oswald atomic killer hired by Castro and or Khrushchev and some of you may know this already but I'd like to play a couple clips this is what leads President Johnson to tell his old mentor Richard Russell as he strong-armed Brussels onto the Commission we play the first split deck it's already better now could you serve with anybody for the good of America and this is a this is a question and how to get many more ramifications and on turkeys and there we got to take this out of the arena where they're testifying in future and Castro did this and did that and that kicking us into a war that can kill 40 million million Americans in an hour now whether believe was done cynically or straightforwardly it's certainly true that Lyndon Johnson had used the specter of World War

three and phone calls that week with other people and later in the same phone call with the Russell Russell LBJ told his old mentor how he had forced her reluctant Earl Warren onto the Commission with what Hoover told me about a little incident in Mexico City can we play the second Clinton or do you only tell you the truth you know what happened you know what happened Bobby named what up see him today and he turned him down cold said no two hours later I called him and ordered him down

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later I called him and ordered him down here and he didn't want to come I insisted he come he came down and he told me no fire and I just pulled out what Hoover told me about a little insolent Mexico City and I said now I don't want the mystic route you have to be told more and be testifying for camera that he killed his fella and at the Castro Quixote and all I want you to do is look at the facts and and bring any other phone in here and determine who killed Brett and I think you put on the uniform for one that is you are and do anything you could to save one American life and I'm surprised that you the Chief Justice the United States would turn me down and start crying he said well I won't turn you down I'll just do whatever you say but he turned Attorney General down okay so I guess I'm this 50th anniversary of the Warren Commission I would like to sum up by saying that barely a year after the Cuban Missile Crisis was over the Commission's primary job was making sure that the evidence real or falsified including all those phony stories that have plagued every investigation and reinvestigation didn't lead to World War 3 I personally believe Warren was smart enough to smell the route that captain no but he was still in a box so why would a role war and lie I think the answer is simple for the good of the country as he saw Paul Kunstler of Washington DC Senator Richard Schweiker of Pennsylvania he was a moderate Republican Republicans today would call him a rhino but he publicly said that the CIA was responsible for Kennedy's murder in 1976 when Ronald Reagan was

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murder in 1976 when Ronald Reagan was challenging President Ford for the nomination the Republican nomination he announced he was going to select Richard Schweiker a vice of breadth of Pennsylvania if he for his vice presidential nominee if he won the Republican nomination Donald in celle I think Joan Joan Nolan knows him too told me he was a retired CIA official he worked for the Soviet Russian division of the CIA at 17-17 H Street Northwest in 1963 he told me that the loan the only military the only intelligence official of the District of Columbia Police Department told him that would be it there was going to be an attempt on Reagan's life in December 1980 in early or early January 1980 1981 at the time of the inauguration and of course if if that had been successful George Herbert Walker Bush would have become president mr. Bradford what was the little incident in Mexico City I think it's that's not it's never stated there but from the context of the chronology I believe it's talking about Alvarado the one with the story of 6500 dollars being passed Oswald the Cuban embassy to kill Kennedy because that was in play still on the 29th at that point although it was only one of several stories that began to be in circulation

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stories that began to be in circulation but why would that have an influence on Warren's decision I mean it sounds like it sounds like some kind of blackmail against him personally no I don't think it's against Warren personally I think the what's going on is that leadership in the country including people like Earl Warren are being told that there's this evidence and whether they whether they had any idea in their own minds at that point whether this evidence might be true or false it almost doesn't matter right there's going to without the Warren Commission what was going to happen is the Congress had already announced that they were gonna be hearings the Senate Judiciary Committee was going to be having hearings the houses could be having hearings and I think the alternative there they're faced is that guys like Alfred are gonna be flown up to testify in front of Congress before cameras that they saw Oswald take money to kill Kennedy and I think there was real fear among people in leadership in Washington that this could get out of control very quickly does it stampede to war and I don't mean to say that everyone who used these stories was doing it openly and honestly but that nonetheless for guys like Earl Warren he's not part of the plot to kill Kennedy I think

that's what he's faced with is as stuff coming down the tracks at them wrecks it just regarding that particular statement when you look at it and in some places you see just the truncated version where he says I told them about a little incident down in Mexico City and he started crying and said I'll do it and then the longer statement which is more common now where you see it in the context of this but he's talking to Russell right in that statement right but but but does Richard Russell know what he's talking about when he says a little incident because when you say J Edgar Hoover dug up a little incident down in Mexico City and he started crying I understand in the context of the longer statement but does he is he assuming Russell knows what that he would he's offering to us I know I don't

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would he's offering to us I know I don't think Russell at that point I mean they're certainly in the phone calls he didn't tell Russell the details of that incident the reason I ask is because when you when you talk about J Edgar Hoover we were just saying this when you talk about J over digging up a little incident somebody start crying Russell would normally assume what everybody in the US Senate did was they all assumed that Hoover had stuff on all of them no no it's in Mexico City it's not a story about Warren nobody but Russell doesn't know anything about that reference okay I think Russell what Russell may have known is unclear but I don't think it's necessarily important for that story you know Russell's already been strong-armed to the Commission by this point he's already knuckled under with just LBJ hammering that I don't care you've got to do this for the good country you're on the Commission dammit and that's it and he's already knuckled under and this is the very end of that same phone call in which Johnson is basically telling this bragging story about getting warrant onto the Commission and so you interpret that story is for no purpose other than bragging yeah I mean they're old friends and I think yeah I mean the very end of it is but he turned the Attorney General down you know they can't resist at the very end saying Bobby down but not me look at Mexico City and new analysis that John Newman did in a JK Lancer conference in 97 I think look Mexico City Bacchus Newman you'll you'll find it you talked about William Harvey and the possibility of blaming the Soviets or the Czechs in case of blow the phoney

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or the Czechs in case of blow the phoney 201 files which Oswald had William Harvey with his close relationship to John Roselli and the CIA and the Mafia plots in addition William Harvey's hate to the Bobby Kennedy and became the administration do you think he could have been directly involved in any assassination planning for Kennedy I guess I'll just say he's a person of interest I record cultists I said questioning your thoughts on Robert Kennedy's possible involvement the medical cover-up with Berkeley and I always assumed that Berkeley was pretty much backing on the hosta of RFK with the medical cover-up and so forth and I know at the end of the house assassinations committee towards the end of it that Berkeley had sent them along kind of our narrative about being with the body the whole time but it sounds like he might have had a little bit of a change of heart from the initial memo worried but did any thoughts on that I do although it's just speculation my speculation is that Berkeley after getting no feedback from that tentative contact smelled the coffee and said okay they don't want to hear this and then he got a essentially pro forma phone call from a staffer which has there's notes written up in the HSC a medical files are released by the review board which has very little in it the men later he signed an affidavit for the HSC a-and if you read that affidavit it's simply amazing and because if you read it the sole purpose of the affidavit is to refute David liftin it's it's just our chronology I was with the body I was with the body I was with the body I never left it I was with the fire I never left it and the HSC at that point was already on - you know David lifted a bit in contact with him about you know the possible diversion of the body and all and they had interviewed Richard Lipsy the taper that they have up on the website where Richard Lipsy the person in charge of moving Kennedy's body to

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in charge of moving Kennedy's body to Bethesda from Andrews Air Force Base had told them point-blank in a taped interview that had their jaws on the floor that he was in charge of that operation of indeed they were sure ambulances in a empty casket to decoy ambulance and so forth and so I think I don't know the details of that story but I fully believe that that that they contacted him and had him signed that affidavit strictly for that purpose mr. Bradford I greatly enjoyed your talk just a couple of comments you spoke about Chief Justice Warren obviously saying you know state minister and his and the conversation between LBJ and Russell Richard Russell was as most of us know later someone who came out said the Warren Commission basically got it wrong we got it wrong with ballistics we got it wrong about Oswald and just something that you know I find interesting there was four out of the seven original Warren Commission that would come out at some point others say we got some things wrong or we got everything wrong and Russell was the biggest proponent of that he he always was saying you know the ballistics we messed that up and Oswald's background we didn't get that right or we were lied to yourself yeah I think you know Russell he he you know refused a few times unsuccessfully to serve in the Commission saying he had no time he was probably the most absent of the commissioners during the hearings of testimony who's basically tried to keep out of the loop and was fairly out of loop but although he did come flying in at the at the very end to grill the heck out of Marina Oswald at one you know final session because he basically didn't believe a lot of stories in particular the story of the finding of

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particular the story of the finding of the pristine bus ticket that was the war the word Commission used to finally put Lee Oswald in Mexico City was found under suspicious circumstances you know months after the FBI had scoured all of marinas possessions and and he grilled her on that he s you know he was in touch with Harold Weisberg Jim Lazar would know a lot more about the story than me and that's where he got some of the information from but he certainly was warren commissioners that question their own work yeah one other mark briefly talk with the church committee and when the church community's most shocking findings in my opinion was that the CIA they discovered I'm not sure all the details but they discovered the CIA was working on a successfully got we've created a heart attack gun and that was a gun that you could basically shoot someone make it look like they had a heart attack and died so that was a major revolution they found I think that picture I showed I think was a boy yeah that was gone I don't know if it's what you're talking about or not

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